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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Harrington, *et al.*
Appl No.: 09/276,820
Filed: March 26, 1999
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR NON-TARGETED ACTIVATION
OF ENDOGENOUS GENES

Group Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: Ram Shukla

November 16, 1999

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 27, 1999, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Groups I-VII. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group VII (Claims 58, 59, 64-69, 71-74, 76-82, 85-123, 128, 129, 130-132, 157, 159, 161, 162, 164-167, 169-175, 177-183, and 223-226) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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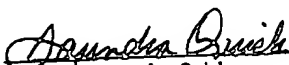
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